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NEGOTIATIONSAppeals to United States to
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sponse

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—After a long lapse in diplomatic exchanges between Washington and the City of Mexico, an attempt has been made to re-open correspondence by the submission of an appeal by the Huerta government for reconsideration by the United States of the recent raising of the embargo on arms to Mexico.

A feature of the communication is an allegation that a state of anarchy exists in so much of Mexico as is occupied by rebel forces and it is also charged that the immediate effect of permitting the exportation of arms has been to place the rebels in a favorable situation for committing outrages while preventing the Huerta government from repressing them as quickly and energetically as desired.

On the other hand it is set forth that whenever the Huerta government is in power full protection is given the nationalists and foreigners.

It is not expected that the state department will return any formal answer to the communication.

Mexico City, Feb. 27.—The blame for the killing at Juarez recently of William S. Benton, a British subject, was indirectly placed upon the United States in a memorandum sent by the Mexican government to Washington late last night. Copies of the document also were delivered to the foreign legations here.

Hope is expressed in the memorandum that the United States would recognize the evil following the act of permitting the importation of arms by the rebels and take steps to remedy it. Repeated by the United States of the decree that prevented exportation of arms to the rebels places the rebels in a favorable situation for committing outrages and prevents the constituted government from repressing as quickly and energetically as it would desire such excesses, said the memorandum.

New Version of Benton's Death.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 27.—A new version of how William S. Benton met his death at Juarez essentially differing from the official account given out by General Villa and believed by Benton's friends and countrymen to be authentic, has reached here. Americans and others interested in the incident have never ceased their efforts to learn the precise circumstances under which Benton died and they have now obtained an account of the affair, in a large measure, which they believe to be correct, except for the latter's claim that Benton had admitted he meant to do him harm. They believe Villa himself shot Benton and that there was no court martial.

According to this new version, Benton went to Villa's office in Juarez and abruptly entered the latter's quarters without a formal invitation. Villa at once recognized Benton as an old enemy dating back to times prior to the insurrection, and slipping behind his visitor barred the door. Benton, they say, did not reach for his hip pocket or make any menacing motion and neither did he use abusive language or give utterance to threats, but began to complain strongly about reported robberies on his ranch and wanted to know when he would be allowed to return to it without further molestation.

Then, according to this version, Villa, pretending to walk to the door, slipped behind Benton and felt his hip pocket in which he found a revolver. Holding Benton, he immediately called in his guards and placed him under arrest, charging him with attempted murder. Benton was then locked in another room and later he asked for a personal interview. In this talk it is said Villa claims that Benton confessed to him frankly that he intended to do him harm, and Villa then admitted that he ordered Benton shot at once. Apparently there was no court martial or trial. None was mentioned by Villa, and his questioners did not ask him the direct question, believing it disposed of by his statement that he himself had ordered Benton's execution.

This version of the shooting was obtained from Villa only after the exertion upon him of persistent pressure from various quarters to tell the truth.

VILLA SUBMITS
NEW PROPOSITIONWould Let Six People, Besides Physi-
cians, View the Body of William
S. Benton at the Grave.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Consul Letcher telegraphed Secretary Bryan today that Gen. Villa would permit two Americans, two British representatives and two members of the family of William S. Benton, to view the body of the dead ranchman, accompanied by two physicians, and that Villa would furnish transportation of all to the grave, which is believed to be in Chihuahua city.

CARRANZA WON'T TALK

That Is, Not for the Present, But He
May Later.

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, Feb. 27.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza, leader of the constitutionalists, who arrived here yesterday, refused to discuss the case of William Benton, the British subject, who was executed in Ciudad Juarez by order of General Villa.

"Why should I tell what I am going to do?" was the query which he gave

blocked questions as to what action he would take in the case.

General Carranza said that, according to the official report to him, Benton's death was the result of an attempt he had made on the life of General Villa. It was declared that he had been tried legally and sentenced to death. The reasons for General Villa's tardy report of the case were not made known.

Besides General Carranza, who arrived from Magdalena, the principal chiefs of the insurgent forces on the west coast of Mexico are Gen. Lucio Blanco, who was to have begun an expedition southward from Culiacan; Gen. Juan Cabral, commander of the Indian troops of South Sonora, and Gen. Alvarado Obregon, commander of the insurgent troops in southwestern Mexico.

It was stated that plans would be completed for the future campaign in northern Mexico before Carranza starts for Chihuahua.

TEXAS RANCHMAN WAS HANGED.

After Having Been Assaulted By Mexi-
can Federal Soldiers.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 27.—Clemente Vergara, the Texas ranchman, was assaulted by Mexican federal soldiers on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande and imprisoned at Hidalgo February 13. Two days later he was hanged from a tree three miles from the city and the body left unburied for until two days ago, when it was secretly removed.

This was established to the satisfaction of S. J. Hill, brother-in-law of Vergara, who went to Hidalgo yesterday with United States Consul Garrett to investigate the death of the American. They returned to Nuevo Laredo late last night.

Federal soldiers at Hidalgo, they said, denied all knowledge of Vergara's death and Capt. Apolinario Rodriguez, commander there, was particularly emphatic that Vergara and the horses which the ranchman claimed had been stolen from him, had been sent to Piedras Negras, Hill, however, said he recognized the missing animals among the horses ridden by the federal troops.

It was established, said Hill, that Vergara was seized on the Mexican bank of the river and not on the island about which a question has arisen whether it is Mexican or American territory. Mrs. Vergara witnessed the assault on her husband.

According to Hill, Vergara had been told by federal soldiers that Captain Rodriguez wanted to settle with him for seven stolen horses and accompanied by his nephew, he crossed the river. The boy ran and hid in the brush when the soldiers knocked his uncle unconscious and, with the distracted wife watching from the other bank, took Vergara to the federal camp.

REFUSES PERMISSION
TO SEND IN TROOPSUnited States Government Will Not Be
a Party to Such a Move to Cap-
ture Men Who Hanged
an American.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 27.—A request to know "whom the United States government now recognizes as the constituted authority in Mexican states bordering on the Rio Grande" went forward late yesterday to President Wilson from Governor O. B. Quigg of Texas. The request was made for the purpose of demanding the surrender of the "abductors and murderers" of Clemente Vergara, a Texas citizen, executed by Mexican federalists.

Then apparently answering the question himself, the governor asked consent of the United States "in view of the condition of revolution and anarchy in these border states" to send rangers across the Rio Grande in pursuit of lawless elements of either faction when they cross into Texas and commit crimes.

"I insist, Mr. President, that Texas, as a sovereign state, is entitled to the protection of Texas citizens on the border from unbearable conditions like that which now exists," concluded the message.

Earlier in the day Colonel Colquitt had put in motion an investigation of the Vergara incident through state channels. The first result was information from the Webb county records, asserting positively that the island where Vergara is said to have been seized, belongs to Texas.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Secretary Bryan last night telegraphed Governor Colquitt of Texas that the sending of state militia into Mexico to apprehend those responsible for the hanging of Clemente Vergara, an American citizen, would involve a responsibility which the federal government alone was in a position to assume.

WOULD BE ACT OF WAR.

To Send Armed Forces Into Mexico
Without Consent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—President Wilson took the position yesterday that for the United States to send marines or armed forces of any kind into Mexico, without the consent of the governing authorities there, would be an act of war. He declared emphatically that permission never had been sought either of General Huerta or General Carranza, and indicated clearly no request of that character would be made in the near future. The president announced, too, that no change in the policy of the American government toward Mexico had been decided upon.

The president had been asked particularly about reports that American troops might be sent across the border to recover the body of William S. Benton, the British subject recently executed at Juarez, and concerning published despatches that the United States contemplated sending marines to Mexico City to guard the American embassy.

One press despatch, saying General Huerta himself had stated yesterday that he had refused permission to the United States to send 2,000 marines to Mexico City, was shown to President Wilson, who said it was absolutely untrue that such a request had been made. He added that neither Carranza nor O'Shaughnessy nor anyone else had been

BIG REVOLT
IN PORTUGALState of Anarchy Is Said to
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IS VERY MEAGRESpain Can Get but Slight
Knowledge of Mili-
tary Uprising

Madrid, Spain, Feb. 27.—The Spanish government has received information that an important military movement is in progress in Portugal, where a condition of anarchy exists.

According to an announcement to-day by the Spanish under-secretary of state for the interior, every effort is being made by the authorities here to obtain full particulars of the occurrences in Portugal, but it is impossible thus far, as all communication, including even the wireless telegraph, is interrupted.

BIG VERDICT GIVEN.

Transfer of \$415,000 in Notes Ordered in
Bankruptcy Case.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The biggest verdict ever received on the supreme court of the southern tier was rendered here yesterday afternoon when an award was made giving notes worth \$415,000 now in the possession of the Binghamton Trust Co., bankrupt and under liquidation by the state banking department, to the bankrupt estate of Knapp Brothers, Deposit and Calliocon, N. Y., who claimed their ownership. The case arose out of the failure of several Knapp banks and business houses in this section in 1909. Justice Sewell charged the jury that the knowledge of C. J. Knapp, then president of the trust company, that his own banking house of Knapp Brothers was insolvent, was the knowledge of the Binghamton Trust Co. itself. A motion for a new trial had been denied, and a stay granted pending possible appeal for a new trial to the higher courts by the state.

AN ODD SUIT INSTITUTED.

Father of Girl Bride Sues for Annul-
ment—Boy's Parents Didn't Consent.

Rutland, Feb. 27.—In a petition filed yesterday for the annulment of the marriage of Luigia Cioffi and Pasquale Cappabianca, both of this city, a case was begun in Rutland county court of which there is not a parallel in the Vermont reports since the case of Holgate vs. Cheney from Chittenden county in 1819.

The annulment of the marriage is asked by Charles Cioffi, father of Luigia, on the ground that his daughter's husband was under legal age and did not have the consent of his father, who was living at the time that the ceremony was performed, November 11, 1913. Luigia was then 15 and Pasquale 20. The girl had her parents' consent to the match. Cappabianca obtained a marriage license by representing that he was 21.

Cappabianca and the girl went on a trip to White River Junction in November and he was arrested there for abduction. Later the criminal charge was dropped on the promise of the young man to marry the girl and the ceremony was performed in city court room by Judge F. G. Swinerton. It is stated in the petition which is brought by C. V. Poulin of this city as counsel that the couple have not lived together since January 29, last.

HEAR CHIN KIM CASE.

After That Jurors Will Take Up Alleged
Arson Case.

St. Albans, Feb. 26.—The special term of Franklin county court convened here at 10:30 this morning with Judge L. P. Slack of St. Johnsbury presiding. The special session was called at the request of Attorney-General R. E. Browne and State's Attorney G. F. Ladd in connection with the Chin Kim murder case. Four members of the grand jury were absent when the panel was called to order. After Judge Slack had filled the vacancies and sworn the members, the prosecuting attorneys proceeded to examine witnesses. It is expected that the examination will be completed to-day.

Following the Chin Kim case they will take up the case of arson alleged to have been developed from three recent fires at Greens Corners. It is probable that county court will remain in session until the grand jury has completed its work.

authorized to discuss with the Huerta government the landing of American marines in Mexico.

Administration officials expressed the opinion that General Huerta probably inspired the statement about American marines at this time merely for effect upon the Mexican people, whom he hoped to impress with his antipathy to the American government, as it is well known that permission to land marines for legion guards has been freely accorded by Huerta to other nations, including Great Britain and Germany.

The president explained to inquirers that the talk of sending marines to Mexico had never gotten beyond the stages of mere discussion among administration officials.

His information, he added, was that Mexico City was quiet and that there was no danger to foreigners.

The president views the general situation in Mexico, as far as the progress made of the revolution is concerned, as but little changed.

Weather Forecast.

Fair to-night and probably Saturday;
moderate westerly winds.

CALLS IT ACT OF GOD.

Part of Defense by Champlain Realty
Co. on Flood Damage Case.

Burlington, Feb. 27.—United States court continues to be occupied with the important case of Harry C. Allen vs. the Champlain Realty company. This action is brought to recover for the loss of a Grayville sawmill and other property, the destruction of which is claimed to have been due to the pounding of a shear boom belonging to the defendant against the dam of the plaintiff. The boom was hung at that point for the protection of the dam against the defendant's loss. It is claimed that in time of fresh the lashing of the loose end of the boom against the dam, which was constructed of stone and was six feet through, made a breach in the east end and caused the dam to collapse.

The hearings in the case are long and the celerity of proceedings is refreshing. The sessions of court lasted all day yesterday and into the evening. The witnesses for the plaintiff included Mr. Allen himself, Mrs. Allen, the plaintiff's wife, and a number of neighbors and former employees of the plaintiff. Their testimony had to do with the rapid rise of the water, the antics of the boom, the exact time when the dam broke, and the damage done.

The defendant contends that the catastrophe was the result of an unforeseeable visitation of natural forces known in legal parlance as an act of God. The plaintiff claims that the dam went out before the water had reached its greatest height.

The defendant in his case introduced witnesses to prove that the boom was a proper one and properly hung. Witnesses who had had generations of experience in driving logs and constructing booms of this kind testified that the most effective kind of boom was the one that was fastened at one end. Defendant's witnesses, later of the intensity and unprecedented character of the flood.

BIG K. OF P. EVENT.

Was Held at St. Albans Last Evening,
150 Being Present.

St. Albans, Feb. 27.—About 150 Pythians were present here last evening at the meeting of the first and fourth districts of the Knights of Pythias, held with Unity lodge, No. 3. A large number came from Burlington late in the afternoon by special train. Other towns represented were Richmond, Essex Junction, Richmond, Underhill, and Westford.

A banquet was served in Pythian hall by Emerald temple, No. 16, Pythian Sisters, and at 8 o'clock the lodge was opened in form. This was followed by the reception to grand lodge officers. An address of welcome was given by A. H. George, past grand chancellor of Unity lodge, and the response was given by C. K. Tyler, past grand chancellor of Champlain lodge of Burlington. The rank of knight in long form was then conferred by Unity lodge and the second work was given by J. W. Leach of Champlain lodge.

At the district meeting proper the opening was on "Good of the Order," in the charge of J. W. Berry of Richmond, district deputy and grand chancellor. "What It Stands for and Aims to Accomplish," by W. W. Rand of Hardwick, grand chancellor. "Why This Order Appeals to Me," by R. W. Parish of Burlington, grand vice-chancellor. "The Tendency of the Order," by Prof. E. J. Berry of Essex Junction. "The Uniform Rank," by C. M. Willey of Barre, grand keeper of records and seals. "A Review of the Golden Jubilee Celebration at Washington," by H. C. Ladd of Barre, past grand chancellor. Impromptu remarks were made by A. B. Rugg of Mount Mansfield, Essex Junction; C. H. Hayden of Minerva, Underhill; C. B. Andrews of McKinley lodge, Richmond; M. G. Rosenberg of Bethel lodge, Burlington; S. J. Beatty of Champlain lodge, S. R. Boright of Richmond lodge, Richmond; G. P. Derrick of Unity lodge, St. Albans, and Charles Nichols of Chittenden lodge, Westford.

Several women were present and the rank of knight was conferred upon them by special ritual at the close of the regular meeting. The women were entertained at engineers' hall by the members of Emerald temple.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM FARR.

Waitsfield Man, Who Had Been Ill for
Some Time.

Waitsfield, Feb. 27.—The funeral of William Farr was held Wednesday at his late residence, at 1 p. m. Mr. Farr had been in poor health for some time, suffering from Bright's disease and complications of pneumonia, and died Sunday night.

William Farr was born March 10, 1843, on the farm where he died, and married Margaret Wheeler, Oct. 7, 1869. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. M. Redstone, pastor of the Methodist church. Mrs. Redstone sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Interment was in the village cemetery. The bearers were Oramel Joslin, P. B. Gaylord, J. E. Berry and W. C. Kelsey.

Those from out of town attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Joyce, Mr. Averill, Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hill, Albert and Miss Ella Hill, Merion Johnson, Charles Wheeler and Will Wheeler of Duxbury; Frank Palmer, Wilder; Fred Holden, Northfield; Mrs. Emily Eaton, Middlesex.

INSTAL GYMNASIUM IN CHURCH.

Rutland Congregationalists to Keep
Boys Off Street.

Rutland, Feb. 27.—To help in keeping the boys and girls off the street at night and partly take the place of a long needed boys' club of gymnasium, the Congregationalists of this city have turned their Sunday school room into a gymnasium to be used for gymnastic exercises six days in the week and religious services on the seventh.

The Sunday school room is provided with hardwood floors and there is a balcony rail around the entire room so that there was ample opportunity to install basketball and volley ball paraphernalia, and parallel bars and other equipment for gymnastics. About 40 girls and as many boys have taken advantage of the new gymnasium on each night it has been open so far, the boys being given the privileges three nights and the girls three nights every week. Young men and women of the church act as instructors.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE ATKINS.

Wife of Montpelier Argus Manager Had
Been Ill Three Years.

Mrs. Anna Margaret Atkins, wife of George Atkins, manager of the Montpelier Argus, and mother of Morris F. Atkins, editor of the same newspaper, died at Montpelier this morning after an illness covering three years, with heart trouble as the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Atkins was born in Lebanon, Pa., on February 28, 1848, the daughter of Jonas and Prudence Brockwell, and she would, therefore, have been 66 years of age next Saturday. For a time the family resided at Shelby, Ohio, where she was married to Mr. Atkins in 1868. Two children were born to them, a daughter, Nellie Prudence, who died at the age of nine years, and Morris F. Atkins. The family came to Montpelier in 1869. Besides the husband and son already mentioned, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Robert Shepard of Miami, N. M., and two brothers, John of Bloomdale, O., and William of Columbus Grove, O.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PRISON OPENS
FOR WOMANWho Has Been in Shadow of
the Gallows for 13
YearsGOV. TENER PARDONS
MRS. KATE EDWARDSAfter Four Governors Had
Refused to Set Date
of Execution

Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who has been in the shadow of the gallows for nearly 13 years for killing her husband, was released from the Berks county jail to-day under a pardon granted by Governor Tener, and she was secretly taken from the city to begin life over again.

Mrs. Edwards was convicted of murder in the first degree in 1901 and was sentenced to be hanged, but four governors declined to fix the day of her execution. A negro nearly 60 years old, who first was convicted with Mrs. Edwards, later was acquitted when she confessed him innocent of the crime.

FEAR GIRL IS DROWNED.

Miss Beth Soule's Hat Found on Edge
of Ice.

Freeport, Me., Feb. 27.—Miss Beth Soule, aged 27 years, daughter of Willis Soule, a business man of South Freeport, has been missing from home since Wednesday evening and is believed to have committed suicide by drowning. No trace of her could be found Wednesday night but Thursday forenoon footprints supposed to have been made by her, were traced out on the ice to an open place in the channel of the harbor, where they ended. Her hat was found nearby, where the footprints ended.

Miss Soule was prominent in the social activities of the town but of late has been in ill health. Her illness is believed to have been the cause of her wandering away.

NO AGREEMENT FOR A WEEK.

Declared in Connection with Railroad
Separation Question.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The absence of Chairman Elliott of the New Haven railroad from Washington today did not prevent the attorneys representing the road and those of the department of justice from continuing their conference relative to the separation of the Boston & Maine railroad from the New Haven.

It was said to-day by the conferees that they did not hope for final agreement before next week until Chairman Elliott's return from New York, where he went yesterday to discuss certain of the more important questions affecting the proposed dissolution with the board of directors. The conferees are continuing themselves to the technical questions of lesser importance, it was said.

STABS WIFE FIVE TIMES.

Gloucester Man Uses Bait Knife on
Woman He Calls Untrue.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 27.—Stabbed five times by a rusty disheveled bait knife, Mrs. John Ehler is lying at the point of death at a hospital, while her husband is held without bail on a charge of assault with intent to murder. The police said that Ehler told them he had found his wife at the home of a man from whom he had warned her to keep away.

AGED INVALID
BOUND TO DIEHattie M. Conant Rushed Back Into
Burning Room, and Grace Russ, a
Nurse, Was Badly Injured
Trying To Save Her.

Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 26.—Hattie M. Conant, an aged invalid, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Brooksides Invalids' Home to-day. Her nurse, Grace Russ, nearly lost her life in endeavoring to save her patient. Five other women patients were saved by their nurses.

The blaze is believed to have originated in Miss Conant's room. Miss Russ broke in the door and dragged her charge into the hallway, when the woman broke away and rushed back into the flames. In the struggle to rescue her invalid, Miss Russ was badly burned and inhaled considerable smoke.

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DEATH OF M. V. B. FREEMAN.

Occurred at Daughter's Home in Dor-
chester, Mass.

Tidings were received here last night by telephone announcing the death of Martin Van Buren Freeman, who formerly lived in Plainfield and who was for a short time a resident of Barre. Mr. Freeman died suddenly at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Freeman, at Dorchester, Mass. No particulars as to the cause of his death were given. Mr. Freeman was around 75 years of age and had made his home with his daughter for a number of years.

The funeral services will be held in Dorchester Saturday afternoon. Early Sunday morning, according to the present arrangements, the remains will be brought to this city. Prayer services will be held in Badger & Co.'s undertaking establishment on North Main at Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church, in charge. The body will then be placed in the receiving vault at Elmwood cemetery, where it will repose until spring, when interment will be made in the family lot at Elmwood. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley and other relatives of the deceased who live in Massachusetts, will accompany the remains to this city.

FUNERAL HELD IN NORTHFIELD.

Of Mrs. Timothy Holland, Who Died in
Barre.

The funeral of Mrs. Timothy Holland, whose death at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred M. Kempton of 80 South Main street Monday forenoon followed a long illness of several months, was held at St. John's Roman Catholic church in Northfield this morning at 10 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. John B. McGarry, officiating. The bearers were as follows: Timothy Holland of Boston, Dr. Daniel A. Holland of Cambridge, Mass., and James M. Holland of New York City, sons of the deceased, Fred M. Kempton of this city, F. J. Donahue of New York City and John L. Collins of Saranac, N. Y., sons-in-law of Mrs. Holland. There was a profusion of flowers. The interment was made in the family lot in Mount Calvary cemetery at Northfield.

Accompanied by a large number of relatives and friends, the remains were taken from Barre this morning to Northfield over the Central Vermont railroad at 8:15 o'clock. Among the relatives who were called to Barre by Mrs. Holland's death was a brother, William Mulcahey of St. Albans.

Many Floral Tributes Given.

The funeral of Edwin Waldus Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldor Benson of 196 South Main street, was held yesterday afternoon, the bearers being Edgar and Roger Erickson, Howard Gauthier and Harold Nelson. There was singing by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Erickson. Below is given a list of the floral tributes.

Wreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Benson; Mr. and Mrs. O. Freberg, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bjork, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ohlin, Andrew Nelson; carnations and hyacinths, Mrs. J. Peer, Mrs. J. Gamble, Mrs. H. Miles, Mrs. G. Norris, Mrs. W. Lillie, Mrs. G. Thompson, Mrs. V. Dale, Mrs. G. Slora, Mrs. H. Dale, Mrs. T. Dale, Mrs. W. Reed; hyacinths, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pirie; carnations and roses, O. H. Millin, C. E. Erickson and family; carnations and hyacinths, Mr. and Mrs. A. Knutson; carnations and roses, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borgh; roses, carnations and hyacinths, Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar; roses, carnations and hyacinths, Mrs. Vining, Mrs. Given; carnations and roses, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Anderson; carnations and roses, employees of Carswell, Wetmore Co.; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Abair; lilies, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Griffith; carnations, Charles Plouff and family; carnations and roses, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carswell.

NANTUCKET ICE BARRIER DOWN.

Acushnet Forces Her Way Through the
Flow to Impersonal Sankaty.

Nantucket, Mass., Feb. 27.—The ice blockade was relieved yesterday, when the revenue cutter Acushnet forced her way into the harbor and released the mail steamer Sankaty, which had been imprisoned since Monday.

The Acushnet brought eight passengers and much accumulated mail. When she left the Sankaty followed her path through the ice and will go to Woods Hole to take on provisions, returning as soon as conditions permit.

19 SELLING CHARGES IN
MONTPELIER COURTRespondents Brought in as Result of Re-
cent Inquest—Either Pleaded
Guilty or Waived Ex-
amination.

Seventeen alleged selling cases and two more to follow—the result of a secret inquest two weeks ago—occupied the attention of Montpelier city court this morning, the respondents either pleading guilty or waiving examination and going up to county court for trial. Grand Juror F. E. Gleason is the prosecuting attorney and appearing with him before the inquest was Deputy Sheriff Henry Lawson.

Geretti Louise Markuvari and Oreste Markuvari, charged with selling on January 21, waived examination and furnished bail of \$500 each.

Joseph and Louisa Aja waived on the charge of selling January 23 and bail was furnished by John and Irene Aja. Then John and Irene Aja turned respondents and waived, their bail being furnished by Joseph and Louisa.

Reardo Truba, charged with selling, pleaded guilty and his case was continued to Feb. 28. Alessandra and Joseph Canales also had their cases continued to the same day, having pleaded not guilty to selling on Nov. 20. Francisca and Rizzozzo Abiati pleaded not guilty to selling on January 20, and they have not furnished bail.

Garcia and Manuel Lezra waived examination. They are charged with selling on January 20. Hallantine and Gasper Uale also waived, and likewise did Endocio Teres and Joseph Teres. Two others were due to come up later in the day, bringing the total to 19.

BECAME VIOLENTLY INSANE.

Maria Lavallee of Burlington Taken To
State Asylum.

Burlington, Feb. 27.—A young woman, Maria Lavallee, who has been in custody for several days at the Chittenden county jail following an attack of insanity, became so violent yesterday afternoon that it was necessary to remove her to the state hospital at Waterbury at once. She was taken to the institution by Overseer Delany and Miss Taboret. Her hearing before the probate court was set for March 2, but she became so violent that she could not be properly cared for at the jail.

Arlington Man Appointed.

Bennington, Feb. 27.—Senator James K. Batchelder of Arlington has received from Governor A. M. Fletcher an appointment as chairman of the commission to make a report upon a suitable memorial for Ira Allen, the famous revolutionary patriot.

The appointment is made to fill the vacancy in the commission caused by the resignation of the late Horace Bailey of Rutland.